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1. REACTING TO A FEB 14 WHITE PAPER ISSUED BY THE GVN CLAIMING SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE PARACELS AND SPRATLYS, FEB 15 LOCAL PRESS GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO A FEB 14 MOFA STATEMENT REASSERTING THE ROC'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER THESE AREAS (FULL TEXT CONTAINED REF A). IN ADDITION FEB 15 CHUNG YANG JIH PAO (CYJP) AND FEB 17 CHINA POST CARRIED EDITORIALS ON THE ISSUE AND CHUNG HUA JIH PAO'S FEB 17 WEEKLY "TODAY'S ISSUES" CARREID A SPECIAL ARTICLE ON THE HISTORICAL BASIS FOR KROC CLAIMS TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE PARACELS AND SPRATLYS.

2. THE CYJP EDITORIAL URGED THE GVN TO REFRAIN FROM CERTAIN ACTIONS WHICH WOULD IMPAIR THE FRIENDSHIP
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BETWEEN THE ROC AND THE RVN AND ADDED THAT WHILE "THE

ROC WOULD BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH FRIENDLY NATIONS ANY PROBLEMS FOR THE SAKE OF ANTI-COMMUNIST COOPERATION, SUCH PROBLEMS SHOULD NOT INCLUDE TERRITORY AND SOVEREIGNTY." THE CHINA POST EDITORIAL COMMENTED THAT "ANY FURTHER UNWISE MOVE" BY THE GVN "IS CERTAINLY NOT CALCULATED TO ENHANCE THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN THE RVN AND THE ROC".

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE GROC'S STATEMENT CONTAINS NOTHING NEW, ITS RAPID AND FORCEFUL RESPONSE TO THE GVN WHITE PAPER INDICATES CONTINUED GROC SENSITIVITY ON THIS ISSUE, WHICH HAS CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL EMOTIONAL APPEAL TO CHINESE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STRAIT.

4. FOR HONG KONG: THE TEXT OF THE GROC'S STATEMENT REPORTED IN REF A IS IDENTICAL TO THE TEXT CARRIED HERE IN THE LOCAL PRESS AND MAKES NO MENTION OF THE "GOVERNMENT OF TAIWAN." WE AGREE WITH YOUR ASSUMPTION THAT USE OF THE TERM IS A RESULT OF UPI EDITING AND BELIEVE SUCH EDITING IS UNLIKELY TO HAVE ORIGINATED FROM TAIWANESE-BASED UPI REPORTERS, BOTH OF WHOM ARE ROC CITIZENS. UNGER

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